Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 live births was lower in ICDS areas as compared to ICDS plus Non ICDS areas (NFHS-I & II) in all States except Bihar.

More than 74% of the children were immunized against the six major diseases, namely, polio, diphtheria, pertusis, tetanus, measles and tuberculosis.

On an average about 90% of women who had reported child birth during last one year received Tetanus Toxoid vaccination.

Anganwadi Centres have played a significant role in creating awareness about ante-natal care.

Nearly 43% of beneficiary women had availed of health checkup and 24% of women had availed of referral services.

Community leaders were generally satisfied about the functioning of the Anganwadi Centres and found the programme beneficial to the community.

Sub-standard technical courses by foreign colleges

625. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many foreign colleges and institutes running in the country that are providing sub-standard technical courses that might not be recognized even in their own country;

(b) if so, the number of such colleges/institutions running in the country offering sub-standard courses;

(c) how many such colleges/institutions the AICTE will clamp down; and

(d) how many foreign colleges/institutes have applied for fresh approval with AICTE till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) It has come to the notice of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) that certain Foreign Universities are offering courses in technical education in the country. It is also reported that many of the courses offered by these Universities/Institutions are not even accredited in the country of origin.

(b) No such data is maintained centrally.

(c) To systematise the operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting technical education, AICTE has notified Regulation for entry and operation of foreign Universities/Institution imparting technical education in India. As per these Regulations, no Foreign University/ Institutions shall establish/operate its educational activities in India leading to award of Degree and Diploma in Technical Education without the express permission/approval of AICTE. The Regulations were notified on 6th May, 2003. All such Institutions already operating in India has to obtain fresh approval from AICTE within 6 months from the date of notification of the Regulations or before commencement of ensuing academic session, whichever is earlier.

(d) As per the information furnished by AICTE, they have so far received 25 applications for registration of Foreign Universities/ Institutions imparting technical education in India.

Medium of instruction of Humanities subjects in colleges under DU

†626. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many renowned colleges under Delhi University have switched over the medium of instruction of Humanities subjects to English only, in their respective prospectus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.